

# **Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Areas 2014-15 Waterfowl Report**

**For the Week of November 24, 2014**

## **MAIL SHACK CREEK AREA**

There continues to be a good number of ducks and snow geese in this area with some of the hunters going out into the walk-in fields with some ducks decoys and doing well. A lot of the snow has melted in the area however access into the North parking lot has been blocked most of the time. Since the route from the north down on 279<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the south parking area and game production area continues to have areas where snow depth can become an issue the best way to get into the south area is by going 3 miles south on 281<sup>st</sup> Ave then west 2 miles on 191<sup>st</sup> St. then north 2 miles on 279<sup>th</sup> Ave and west on 190<sup>th</sup> St.

## **REGISTRATION AREA**

The decoy only registration area will be open for drawings on Thanksgiving Day with drawings taking place daily one hour before sunrise. The registration fields continue to have a good number of snow geese with more canada geese showing up this past week. The ducks have been a hit and miss deal this past week with a lot depending on the weather conditions on if the hunters will get any or not. Upland game hunting remains open in most areas however upland hunters need to watch for hunters in the area along with the signs designating them as open or closed to upland game hunting.

## **PASS-SHOOTING AREAS**

Reports from a few pass-shooters using the mail shack area are that the areas continued to be good with the windier days being much better. No reports again this week from any pass shooters in the canal area.

## **SOLID AND STRIPED GREEN AREAS**

There have been a few hunter reports of birds starting to use the striped green area in Stanley County, as more birds move into the Pierre area this area should continue to improve.

## **SUMMARY**

The Decoy-Only registration Trailer and Fields will be open as usual on Thanksgiving morning with drawings continuing to take place each day one hour before sunrise.

The snow has been melting in most of the areas this past week so access into several of the areas has improved. Hunters that have been willing to haul a few decoys out into some of the walk-in areas have been doing well with a mixed bag of ducks and geese. The decoy-only registration fields continue to have some snow geese and ducks in and around them with more canada geese showing up. Reports from the striped green are in Stanley County are coming in of a few birds moving into the fields.

As more waterfowl and waterfowl hunters start using the decoy only registration fields upland game hunters are reminded that upland game hunting is not allowed in the registration fields when an area is occupied by waterfowl hunters and need to make sure there are no waterfowl hunters in the field along with watching for the signs designating them as open or closed to upland game hunting.

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